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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR STERNER PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY'S OFFICER STAFF, I PRESENTED MY LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO SHAYKH ZAYID AT AL-AIN JUNE 24. ALSO HANDED HIM AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS LETTERS OF RECALL. SINCE TWO OTHER AMBASSADORS PRESENTED CREDENTIALS THAT MORNING (RESIDENT GERMAN AND NON-RESIDENT SWISS), PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ZAYID WAS LIMITED TO ABOUT 20 MINUTES AND CONSISTED MAINLY OF AMENITIES AND GENERALITIES. ZAYID'S FOUR-YEAR OLD SON, MANSOUR, WAS IN HIS FATHER'S LAP DURING INTERVIEW, AND I REGRET TO SAY OUR CONVERSATION WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY STIMULATING ON THIS INITIAL OCCASION TO KEEP THE LAD FROM FALLING SOUND ASLEEP.

2. IN BRIEF FORMAL STATEMENT TO SHAIKH ZAYID WHICH I READ IN ARABIC I CONVEYED PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S GREETINGS AND SAID I CONSIDERED IT GOOD OMEN FOR MY MISSION HERE THAT MY ARRIVAL COINCIDED WITH TWO EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO ARAB WORLD AND TO U.S. -ARAB RELATIONS--SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WITH U.S. DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE OF SYRIA-ISRAEL DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, AND FIRST VISIT IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO NUMBER OF ARAB COUNTRIES. I SAID THIS OPENED NEW ERA IN U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS AND OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN  
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US AND INDIVIDUAL ARAB STATES. I ASSURED SHAIKH ZAYID I

WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PROMOTE RELATIONS  
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. ZAYID WELCOMED ME WARMLY AND SAID HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING  
POSSIBLE TO MAKE MY STAY HERE COMFORTABLE AND SUCCESSFUL.  
WHEN WE HAD SAT DOWN FOR PRIVATE CHAT I SAID IT HAD BEEN  
GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO SECRETARY TO HAVE TO POSTPONE HIS  
TRIP TO THE UAE AND HE HAD ONLY DONE SO BECAUSE OF  
EXIGENCIES OF SYRIA-ISRAEL NEGOTIATING SITUATION. ZAYID  
RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY THAT WHAT SECRETARY HAD ACHIEVED WAS  
FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN VISIT TO ABU DHABI, AND HE WAS  
GLAD SECRETARY HAD STUCK WITH IT. ZAYID PRAISED  
ACHIEVEMENT OF SYRIA-ISRAEL AGREEMENT AND SAID THAT IF  
IT HAD NOT ENDED IN SUCCESS "BOTH AMERICA AND ARABS WOULD  
HAVE LOST." HE SAID WE BOTH NOW KNOW THE HIGH PRICE WE  
WILL JOINTLY PAY UNLESS ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM IS SEEN THROUGH  
TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. I SAID I WANTED TO MAINTAIN  
CLOSE AND FREQUENT DIALOGUE WITH HIM ON ARAB-ISRAEL  
PROBLEM AT EACH STEP OF NEGOTIATIONS AS WASHINGTON WOULD  
BE INTERESTED IN HIS VIEWS. ZAYID WELCOMED THIS.

4. I COMMENTED ON MY ASTONISHMENT AT PACE OF DEVELOPMENT  
IN ABU DHABI AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON THIS ACHIEVEMENT.  
I SAID I SENSED CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR US-UAE  
COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD AND URGED HIM TO CONSULT  
WITH US WHENEVER HE FELT WE COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE.  
ZAYID RESPONDED WARMLY THAT HE WOULD DO SO.

5. I SAID I REGRETTED NOT HAVING MORE TIME TO CHAT WITH  
HIM AND HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN  
BEFORE HE DEPARTED LATE JULY FOR EXTENDED TRAVEL OF  
FOREIGN VISITS AND VACATION. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY  
WOULD ARRANGE IT.

6. GRIFFIN AND I ARE LEAVING TONIGHT FOR TRIP TO OTHER  
EMIRATES, RETURNING ABU DHABI EVENING JUNE 27.  
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